

The President's commitment to keeping American troops in Iraq as long as it takes and not a day longer is not enough for our soldiers and their loved ones. They deserve a clearer indication of what lies ahead, and so do the American people. General Abizaid has begun to provide clarification of that very important issue, and I hope the President will as well.●

#### HARLEY-DAVIDSON KANSAS CITY ASSEMBLY PLANT

● Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the workers at Harley-Davidson's Kansas City Assembly Plant for their hard work and to salute Harley-Davidson for all of the great things they have done for the State of Missouri since locating the plant here just a few years ago.

Harley-Davidson is the oldest and largest motorcycle manufacturer in the U.S. The Kansas City plant, one of only two Harley-Davidson final assembly plants in the country, produces the Sportster, the Dyna Glide, and the V-Rod, and ships those motorcycles all over the world. The plant, which employs over 900 people, opened in 1998, and has achieved its intended goal of significantly increasing Harley-Davidson's production capacity and productivity.

Every September, the plant hosts an open house for Platte County residents and Harley enthusiasts from across the country to tour the plant and learn about how motorcycles are built. Best of all, anyone with a motorcycle license can take the opportunity to test ride a brand new Harley.

Harley-Davidson's contributions to the Kansas City area are important to job creation and sustaining economic growth, and Missourians are proud to have such an iconic symbol of the American spirit located in our State. I am honored to share their accomplishments with you today, and I wish the workers at the Kansas City Plant success in their future endeavors.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 27. An act to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and for other purposes.

H.R. 912. An act to ensure the protection of beneficiaries of United States humanitarian assistance.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 27. An act to enhance the workforce investment system of the Nation by strengthening one-stop career centers, providing for more effective governance arrangements, promoting access to a more comprehensive array of employment, training, and related services, establishing a targeted approach to serving youth, and improving performance accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 912. An act to ensure the protection of beneficiaries of United States humanitarian assistance; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1178. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States—Chile Free Trade Agreement" (RIN1505-AB47) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1179. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tsunami Relief" (Notice 2005-23) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1180. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Interest" (TD 9181) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1181. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reorganizations under Section 368(a)(1)(E) and 368(a)(1)(F)" (TD 9182) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1182. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "REMIC TEFRA Applicability" (TD 9184) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1183. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Capitalization of Interest Expense in Safe Harbor Sale and Leaseback Transactions" (TD 9179) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1184. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment to Net Unrealized Built-in Gain" (TD 9180) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1185. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—December 2004" (Rev. Rul. 2005-12) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1186. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tax-Exempt Leasing Involving Defeasance" (Notice 2005-13) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1187. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulation Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Check the Box" (TD 9183) received on March 1, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1188. A communication from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's March 2005 report entitled "Medicare Payment Policy"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1189. A message from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2005 National Drug Control Strategy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-28. A resolution adopted by the Legislative Research Commission of the Commonwealth of Kentucky relating to tobacco growers selling their excess 2004 crop; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas on October 22, 2004, the President signed into law the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004; and

Whereas the tobacco quota buyout legislation represents the most significant change in the tobacco production program since the 1930s; and

Whereas the buyout means there will be no constraints on who can produce tobacco, where it is grown, how much can be marketed, and what the price may be; and

Whereas the tobacco production system will shift to contracting directly with tobacco companies; and

Whereas many quota owners and growers may decide to quit tobacco production altogether; and

Whereas some growers may have excess tobacco remaining from their 2004 crop, but, because of federal laws and regulations, cannot sell it; and

Whereas at least one large tobacco company has indicated it will not accept carry-over tobacco, or tobacco produced and harvested in a prior crop year; and

Whereas it is important that tobacco growers be able to sell all their 2004 leaf crop: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved* by the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee of the Kentucky General Assembly:

Section 1. The Agriculture and Small Business Committee strongly urges the United States Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture take the necessary steps to allow tobacco producers to sell the excess tobacco from their 2004 crop.

Section 2. Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Commonwealth's delegation to the Congress of the United States, and to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

POM-29. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania